6. In view of the above, Petition is allowed to be withdrawn.

7. Liberty to apply.

Check on price rise

3048. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attenlion has been drawn to the Editorial which appeared in *Hindustan Times,* 4th November 1991 under the heading "Check the Price Rise";

(b) whether it is a fact that Govrenment have stringent check on price increases;

(c) whether it is also a fact that wholesale price index does not reflect correct picture, as 70 per cent of drugs in basket are obsolete;

(d) if so, what steps have been taken to revise the basket;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the Drug Manufacturers are openly flouting the provisions of Price Control Order;

(f) what are the details of instances that came to the notice of Government;

(g) whether Government have made any investigation or study about the nexus between the official of Government and producers; and

(h) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Currently operated Wholesale Price Index (WPI) series with base year 1981-82 was complied on the basis of the recommendations made by a Special Group set up under the Chairmanship of Dr. C. Rangrajan, the then Dy. Governor of Reserve Bank of India. Preparatory work for review of existing W.P.I. series has been initiated by the Ministry of Industry.

(e) and (f) As per reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2087 answered on 12.12.1991.

(g) and (h) Nothing warranting such an action has come to the notice of the Government.

Allegations against former Development Commissioner

3049. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1628 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th September, 1991 and state:

(a) what are the detajls of various allegations against the former Development Commissioner (PI) which have either not been processed or kept by the present Development Commissioner unprocessed with him;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have accepted the information made available by the former Development Commissioner without subjecting the same to impartial enquiry;

(c) what are the details of VIP references which are pending reply and in how many cases it was decided not to give reply during the last three years; and

(d) what are the details of assets acquisition, disposal and business transactions with full detajls as communicated by the former Development Commissioner (PI) to Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) There have been some complaints against the former Development Commissioner which are being examined in this Deptt.

(c) Letters received from M.Ps. and other VIPs are attended to expeditiously and every attempt is made to reply promptly.